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Via email: 80205-52815584@requests.muckrock.com

Re: HQ-2019-01401-F

Dear Mr. Sai:

This is an interim response to the request for information that you sent to the Department of Energy (DOE) under the Freedom of Information Act (FOIA), 5 U.S.C. § 552. You requested:

1. All
 - a) contracts* [see definition below],
 - b) for which Department of Energy, or any subcomponent thereof, is a signatory,
 - c) particularly relating to FOIA request processing, such as software, services, contractors, etc used by the component's FOIA office.

This does not include contracts that happen to be used by the FOIA office, but have no particular relation to FOIA work, e.g. janitors, general database management, generic project management, Adobe Acrobat, etc.

It does include contracts that substantially relate to FOIA work, e.g. e-discovery, redaction, review, search, etc., even if it is used by other offices as well.

As used in this item, the term "FOIA" includes the Privacy Act.

Please prioritize, in order:

- a) contracts with AINS, Inc.:
 - DUNS # 361150469
 - IDV #s:
 - AIDCIOE1400002
 - DEAM2296PC96407
 - DJJ10F2018
 - DJJ16EOIRS0020
 - DOLOPS14A0017
 - GS00K97AFD
- b) contracts related to FOIA processing or redaction software;
- c) most detailed records; and



d) contracts related to personnel outsourcing last.

In particular, please include all contracts related to the following IDVs:

- Please note that these IDVs are obtained from FPDS.gov by searching for "FOIA" and then applying various filters. If you believe any of these IDVs are not actually responsive to the request above (i.e. they aren't really related to FOIA processing), please let me know, with an explanation, and I will probably agree to narrow the request to remove them...."

In your letter, you requested a waiver of all fees associated with the processing of this request. For purposes of assessment of any fees, you have been categorized under the DOE regulation that implements the FOIA at Title 10, Code of Federal Regulations (CFR), Section 1004.9(b)(4) as an "other" requester. Requesters in this category are entitled to two (2) free hours of search time and are provided 100 pages at no cost. At this time, fees for the request are not expected to exceed \$15.00, the minimum amount at which DOE assesses fees, and we will not address the request for a fee waiver. If fees are expected to exceed \$15.00, we will address the fee waiver or contact you regarding a fee agreement.

You may contact DOE's FOIA Public Liaison, Alexander Morris, FOIA Officer, Office of Public Information at 202-586-5955, or by mail at MA-46/Forrestal Building, 1000 Independence Avenue, S.W., Washington, D.C. 20585, for any further assistance and to discuss any aspect of your request. Additionally, you may contact the Office of Government Information Services (OGIS) at the National Archives and Records Administration to inquire about the FOIA mediation services they offer. The contact information for OGIS is as follows: Office of Government Information Services, National Archives and Records Administration, 8601 Adelphi Road-OGIS, College Park, Maryland 20740-6001, e-mail at ogis@nara.gov; telephone at 202-741-5770; toll free at 1-877-684-6448; or facsimile at 202-741-5769.

Please refer to the above referenced number in any communications with DOE about the request. If you have any questions about the processing of your request or this letter, you may contact Ms. Anjelica Ruda of my office at MA-46/Forrestal building, 1000 Independence Avenue, S.W., Washington, D.C. 20585, or at 202-287-6745.

I appreciate the opportunity to assist you with this matter.

Sincerely,



Alexander C. Morris

FOIA Officer

Office of Public Information